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RE: APPLICATION OF WELBOURNE TITLED: "LATERALLY EJECTING FLUID  
FLOW CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD";  
SERIAL NO. 10/613,840;  
FILE DATE: 07/05/2003;  
ART UNIT: 3643;  
EXAMINER: PARSLEY, D.

SUBMITTAL OF RCE REQUEST UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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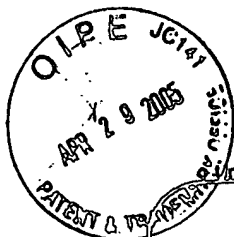
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i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on 15 APRIL 2005

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other COVER LETTER

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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